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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:MASS, ET,

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REF: ADDIS ABABA 4358

1. YOU MAY INFORM EPMG THAT WHEN LOA FOR PEACE LION I WAS PROCESSED, THERE WERE NO AIM9B MISSILES AVAILABLE FOR SALE. RECENTLY ANOTHER COUNTRY DECIDED TO BUY A LESSER NUMBER OF AIM9BS THAN ORIGINALLY REQUESTED. THEREFORE, USAF NOW HAS 32 MISSILES AVAILABLE FOR SALE. THESE MISSILES HAVE BEEN OFFERED TO EPMG VIA FMS CASE AAK, WHICH WAS MAILED TO ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY ON APRIL 12, 1976. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL AIM9BS AVAILABLE SINCE THAT MODEL IS NO LONGER IN PRODUCTION. USAF IS PLANNING TO PRODUCE AIM9J MISSILES PRIMARILY FOR FMS. AS NOTED IN REFTTEL, USAF TEAM IS CURRENTLY BRIEFING AIM9J FOR POTENTIAL FOREIGN PURCHASERS. USAF IS SPONSORING
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REQUEST FOR AN EXCEPTION TO NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY

REGARDING POSSIBLE SALE TO ETHIOPIA. HOWEVER, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT EXCEPTION CAN BE PROCESSED IN TIME TO INCLUDE ETHIOPIA ON CURRENT BRIEFING TRIP. USAF WILL KEEP MAAG ADVISED.

2. IN VIEW OF UNCERTAIN LEGISLATIVE SITUATION HERE INVOLVING FY 76 SECURITY ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATIONS BILLS, WE CANNOT AT THIS TIME PREDICT WHETHER IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE ETHIOPIA WITH ADDITIONAL FMS CREDIT BEYOND THE \$10 MILLION CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED.

3. AS REGARDS FY 76 MAP, HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE REPORT NOW AWAITING CONGRESSIONAL VOTE LISTED \$6 MILLION IN GRANT MATERIEL FOR ETHIOPIA. IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT LATTER FIGURE WILL BE INCREASED, SINCE ALL MAJOR MAP RECIPIENTS RECEIVED CUTS BY THE CONGRESS WHICH FAVORS PHASING OUT OF GRANT MATERIEL ASSISTANCE. AS ABOVE FIGURE IS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE HERE, YOU MAY CITE IT AS NECESSARY IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EPMG OFFICIALS.

4. ENQUIRY CONTAINED ADDIS ABABA 2782 BEING PROCESSED HERE. ROBINSON

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